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USE CSP II TO HOUSE INMATES IN AN EMERGENCY **Bill Topic:**

□ TABOR Refund Summary of □ State Revenue State Expenditure (minimal) **Fiscal Impact:** □ Local Government □ State Transfer □ Statutory Public Entity

> This bill allows for the temporary use of the south campus of the Centennial Correction Facility when the state male inmate vacant bed rate falls below one percent for two consecutive months. This bill minimally increases Department of Corrections workload and potentially increases costs until the bill repeals

September 1, 2021.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the south campus of the Centennial Correction Facility (CSP II) cannot be used to house Department of Corrections (DOC) inmates. This bill allows the use of CSP II when the state male inmate vacant bed rate falls below one percent for two consecutive months after all other efforts to increase the vacancy rate are exhausted. No more than 126 inmates may be housed at CSP II. Inmates must be transferred to another facility within 30 days once the male population vacant bed rate increases over one percent. The DOC must report to the General Assembly on the use of CSP II and steps taken by the department to address the vacancy rate. This bill also requires the DOC to consider input from any legislative interim committee on prison population management. This bill repeals September 1, 2021.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2019-20, this bill is expected to minimally increase DOC workload to consider input any interim committee and to potentially implement recommended changes. Workload is also increased to report on the use of CSP II, if the vacancy rate drops below one percent and the facility is utilized. The facility is currently being maintained; therefore, there no appropriation is needed to make it operational. However, based on current prison operating costs, if CSP II is utilized costs of \$108.77 per day per inmate or up to \$13,705 per day for up to 126 inmates are estimated. It is assumed an increase in appropriations will be requested through the annual budget, if needed.

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Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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